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1. [redacted] Warsaw on 16 July 1953 [redacted] had not noticed any signs of unrest in the Polish city. There had been some clashes between Poles and Soviet construction workers employed on the construction of the Stalin House of Culture and Science; however, these clashes which had necessitated police action could not be called unrest.

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2. [redacted] at the Warsaw-East railroad station, damaged and destroyed railroad cars which showed signs of having been fired at. Allegedly, these cars had been wrecked by partisans. [redacted] much talk on a decrease of security on the Berlin-Brest Litovsk railroad line and that sabotage acts had been committed on this line during the last weeks.¹

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3. [redacted] the mood of the population was more cheerful than [redacted] in Warsaw in May 1953. Both the supporters of the regime and its opponents were sitting on the fence. It was expected that the situation might temporarily deteriorate, but the general belief was that weak spots would soon become conspicuous in the USSR. [redacted] there was no foundation whatever in believing that there was unrest in Poland. [redacted] the Poles had refrained from any inconsiderate actions and preferred a wait-and-see attitude.²

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. The damaged and destroyed cars may have been equipment dating from WW II. However, they may also have been damaged by partisans operating against the Frankfurt/Oder-Warsaw railroad line.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. These statements agree with previous information, according to which there were isolated partisan activities at some Polish places but no major uprisings extending over large areas.

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